

## History of Veronica Murdoch Caldau Giles - continued

To know her was to love her. Her last days were with her nephew Andrew Mair and his good wife Mary Ann. She passed away at their home October 4, 1908. Her funeral service was held in the Wasatch Stake House. Burial was in the Heber City Cemetery.

She was baptized September 1852 and was re-baptized July 28, 1878.  
 She was endowed July 3, 1879 in the Endowment House.  
 She was sealed to Thomas Giles July 3, 1879.

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### Family Statistics

	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>
Father - George Caldau	About 1812		
Mother - Veronica Murdoch	June 16, 1816	October 4, 1908	
Children - Mary Caldau	About 1840		Baird
George Caldau	About 1842		
James Caldau	About 1844		
John Caldau	About 1846		
Alexander Caldau	About 1848		
William Caldau	About 1850		
Thomas Caldau	About 1852		
Joseph Caldau	About 1854		
David Caldau	About 1856		
B Brigham Caldau	About 1858		
Nephi Caldau	About 1860		

Beginning with Alexander, the 7 children listed here were sealed to Thomas Giles, September 19, 1890 in the Manti Temple.

## VERONICA MURDOCK CALDOW GILES

Veronica Giles was born June 16, 1816, in Scotland, where she was married and reared 11 children. Her husband died and she came to Utah, where she married Thomas Giles in Heber. She died October 4, 1908.

Veronica was a daughter of James and Mary Murray Murdoch. With her mother and brothers and sisters she joined the LDS Church in Scotland after the death of her husband.

Several members of her family emigrated to Utah, and when her brother William decided to come, he offered her transportation. Her children were grown, and they were agreeable to her coming. She sailed from Liverpool on May 24, 1878, arriving in Salt Lake City on June 13 of the same year. Twenty-two years earlier her mother had attempted to cross the plains in a hand-cart company at the age of 72, but succumbed at Chimney Rock.

Veronica and the group she traveled with came directly to Heber and rented a home on the northwest corner of First West and Second North. Several members of the group soon found more suitable accommodations, but Veronica remained and before long had married her landlord, Thomas Giles.

She was known to friends and relatives as "Aunt Vackey," and had a pleasing Scotch personality, with a keen wit, cheerful disposition and a heavy brogue.

When her husband passed away she continued to live in the little home until, because of her age, she went to live with a niece, Mary Lindsay, and a nephew, Andrew Mair. She was at the Mair home when she died, at the age of 92.